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Wheat matures in Canada in from 90 to 100 days.

Yate wood of Australia has the tensile strength of good cast iron.

John Durus is said to have the best working library of any member of the English house of parliament.

A member of the Vanderbilt family has married an American. It must mortify her people dreadfully.

The American poet who rhymes "always" and "halfways" in one of the current magazines is running Alfred Austin hard.

The mosquitoes are going to have a joyous time in Chicago this summer, with 1,000 women pledged already to wear sandals.

It is easy to understand why men's straw hats have such narrow brims this season. The Merry Widows used up all the straw.

Belgium is now importing yearly about \$1,500,000 worth of automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles. These imports have quadrupled in four years.

There are now not far from 60,000 miles of railroad under black signal operation, nearly 10,000 miles of which have been added within a year and a half.

Commander Perry has not yet made up his mind whether, after reaching the north pole, he will find the south pole, too, or start aside and give somebody else a chance.

In Pittsburgh a Salvation Army officer stood in a coffin and delivered a sermon. Pittsburghers of the crowd some therefore were not obliged to buy a ticket to Laporte.

"Rita," the English novelist, recovered damages because an editor changed and cut a serial story that she had sold him, but that won't help the daily newspaper spacewriter a bit.

Some of the college students are beginning to realize that if they had not taken such a lively interest in football last fall the final examinations wouldn't have proved so serious.

An English explorer declares that the north pole is shifting its ground. Perhaps it finds itself hardly pressed by modern expedition and enterprise, and this is the way it is escaping discovery.

The Philadelphia doctor who declared recently that the influenza was the cause of measles, and now rises again to remark that it is also responsible for cancer, obviously has no poetry in his soul.

Here are some interesting figures given by the New York Herald for users of gas meters: In three months out of 2,805 meters tested, after complaint, 524 were correct, 1,820 were fast and 661 were slow.

A minister in New Jersey is telling wives not to boss their husbands, which shows how even in this enlightened age some men will go blind up against the most primitive instincts of the eternal feminine.

In this country the death rate among the miners is 3.4 to every thousand employed. In Belgium in 1906, the number was 0.94, in Great Britain it was 1.29, in France it was .84 in 1905, and in Prussia it was 1.8 in 1904.

Certainly, there are plenty of automobile thieves, but they are careful and respect public rights. But that does not make it any the less painful for the man who is knocked down and killed by one of the reckless percentage.

"My observation tells me," says George Meredith, "that the minor work of the present day is altogether superior to that of the mid-Victorian time—and better than that of the masterpieces" asks the Boston Globe.

What is England coming to? In Sunderland there are families living on boiled potato parings, and of the total number of 72,127 deaths registered in London last year 28,723 took place in workhouses, hospitals or public lunatic asylums.

A scientific expedition is to start from Massachusetts to seek for fossils in the Antarctic circle. This is a long and tollsome way to go, considering how many fossils can be found nearer—much too nearer—home, remarks the Baltimore American.

A Chicago physician is now in the limelight lecturing about the absurdity of the feminine costume. This sort of thing apparently gives the men a certain amount of amusement and neither inconvenience nor discomforts woman in general. Therefore, no one really objects to what is a harmless pleasure.

A men's church has been established in Atlantic City, which, it is hoped, will be made popular both through its positive and negative qualities. The positive virtues are pipes, cigars and morning pictures through the apertures. The negative virtues are the absence of "Merry Widow" hats and general feminine frivolity. The idea of the enterprising mind which started these unique services, suggests the Baltimore American, is that it is far better that men should smoke here than when they reach the hereafter.

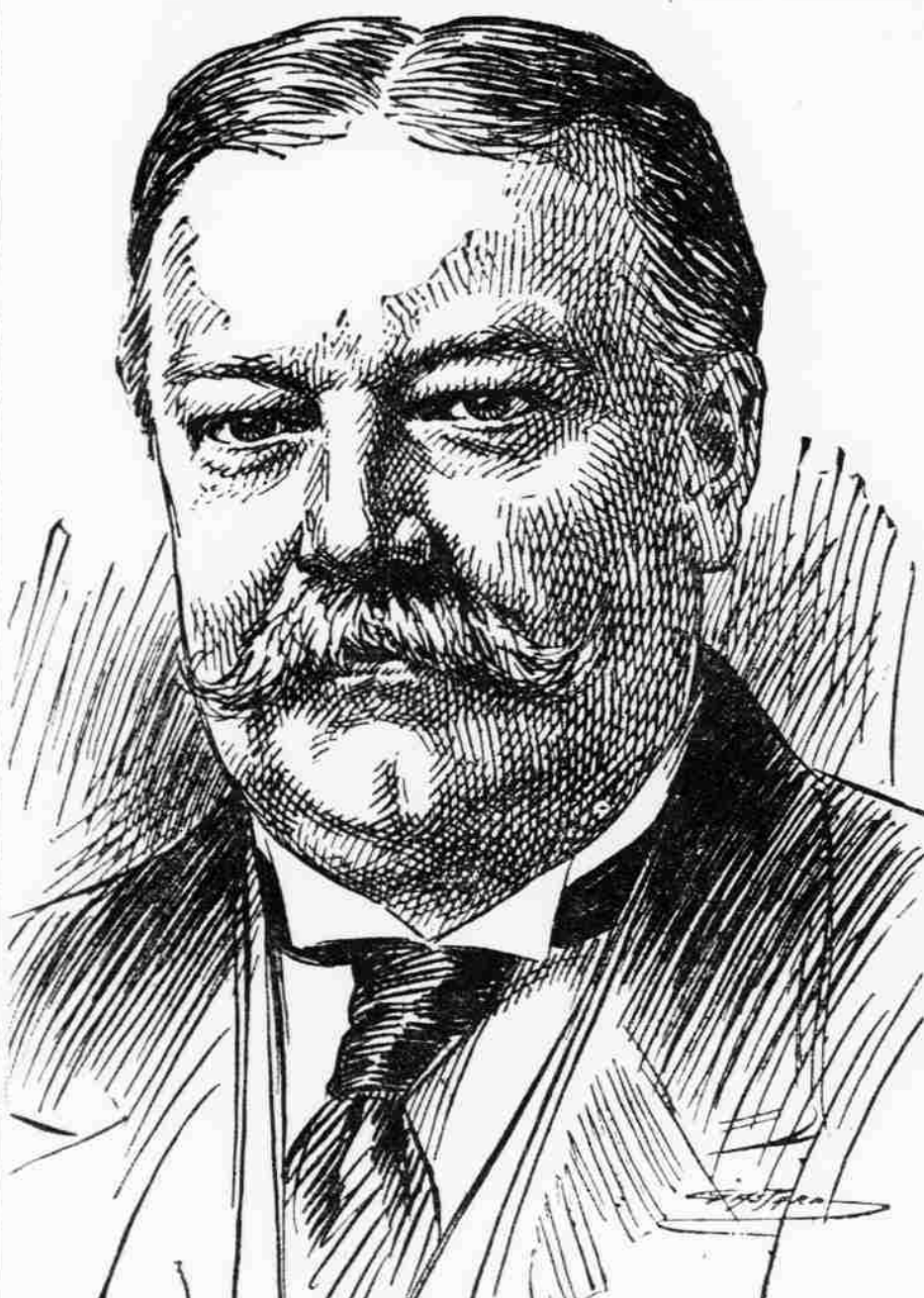
The receiver of a broken Kansas bank who was paid the depositors in full, returned to the stockholders most of what they had put in, and charged only \$250 for his services and expenses, evidently has no head for business.

Three women claim to have been wives of a Boston millionaire, now dead. Strange, is it not, how many of our rich Americans have succeeded in accumulating widows around the estate?

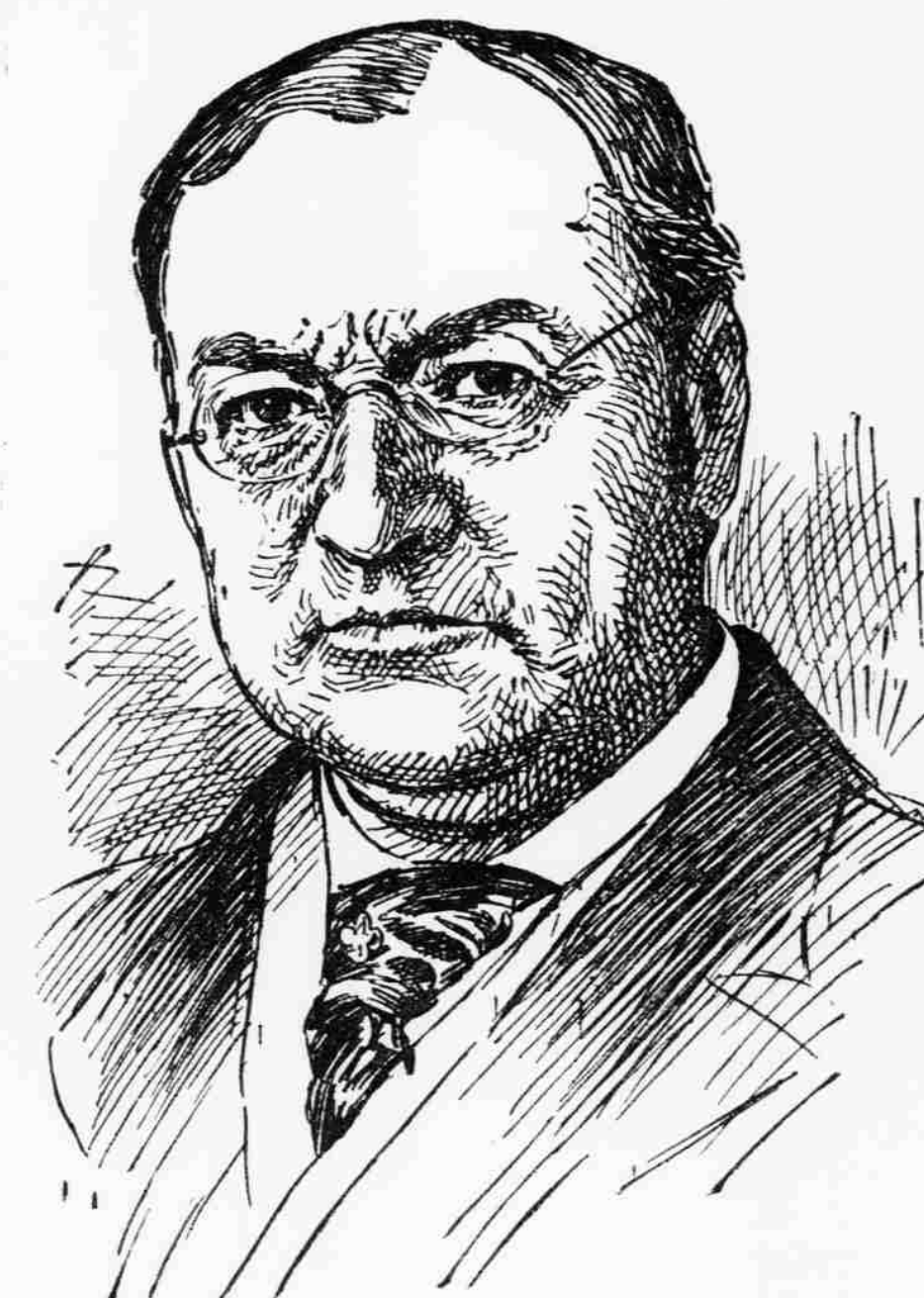
Gen. Funston carefully explained that he was going to use the old-fashioned black powder in firing salutes to welcome the battleship fleet, because it made more smoke and more noise. He didn't add that it is better to reserve the smokeless powder for fighting purposes in case of need.

When a woman has been married some time she rereads her love letters, remarks the Atlanta Constitution, and thinks that a successful politician her husband would have been.

THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEES



HON. WILLIAM H. TAFT.



HON. JAMES S. SHERMAN.

TAFT AND SHERMAN IS SLATE Republican Convention at Chicago Names the Ticket.

War Secretary and New York Congressman Selected as Candidates for President and Vice-President--Proceedings of the Convention--Big Demonstration for Theodore Roosevelt.

Chicago, June 1.—For president of the United States, William H. Taft of Ohio, for vice-president of the United States, James S. Sherman of New York.

Taft on the first ballot, Taft by 702 votes; Sherman by the unanimous choice of the convention. Sherman on the first ballot; Sherman by the unanimous choice of the convention.

This is the ticket the delegates to the Republican national convention assembled in Chicago have selected for presentation to the people at the November election.

The picture within the walls of the vast amphitheater as the presidential candidate was named Thursday was one truly grandiose in its magnitude. In front, to the right and left, below and above, the billowing sea of humanity, restless after hours of waiting and stirred from one emotion to another, was in a fever of expectancy for the culminating vote. The favorite sons of other states had been named, save Knox and La Follette, and now on the roll call came Ohio.

Scene of Wild Enthusiasm.

As the buckeye state was reached, the tall, gaunt form of Theodore E. Burton, with student-like fervor and severe black clerical garb, advanced to the platform to nominate Ohio's candidate. He spoke fervently, with the ringing voice of an evangelist, which went ringing through the great building. The close of his speech of nomination was the signal for cheering. The long pent-up feeling of the Taft legion. Instantly the Ohio delegates were on their feet, other Taft states following, while the convention hosts, in gallery and on floor, broke into mad demonstration.

"Taft, Taft, W. H. Taft," came in a roar from the Ohioans.

Mexicanes seemed to spring from concealed places and swell the Taft tumult into thunder. A huge blue silk banner bearing the familiar features of the statesman-secretary was swung before the delegates, awakening a fresh whirlwind of enthusiasm.

All semblance of order had been abandoned and the delegates' arena was a maelstrom of congratulating men; the guidons of the states were snatched up by the Taft enthusiasts or borne under by the storm of disorder. The band was inaudible—a mere whispser above the deafening volume of sound. For ten, 15, 20 minutes,

this uproar continued. At last the tired voices died down to a hoarse shout, and subsided.

Seconded by Knight.

This lull now gave the opportunity for the speech seconding Taft's nomination by George H. Knight of California, his big, round face beaming forth on the sympathetic multitude, and his splendid baritone voice welling forth like the tones of a great church organ. California's tribute to Taft was brief and fervid. Now there was another lull in the Taft movement, while the remaining candidates were placed in nomination.

It was late in the afternoon before the convention, now literally sweltering with the intense heat and weary after nearly seven hours of continuous session, reached the end of the flood of eloquence and the decks were at last cleared for the culminating act.

Demonstration for La Follette.

But, just as the last swell of oratory, the seconding speech for La Follette, had died away, like a cyclone from a clear sky burst a La Follette demonstration which swept the convention from its very bearings. It was the same deafening wave of sound that had greeted Roosevelt Wednesday and Taft a little while before, intense and maddening and with the vital ring of genuine enthusiasm. It seemed as though Wisconsin had suddenly peopled every foot of the galleries. The delegates, in calm and waiting, except the frantic Wisconsin, but the convention for the time being was in the possession of the galleries.

Now a singular transformation occurred—gradually the whirlwind veered from La Follette to Roosevelt.

Hushed by the Roll Call.

Amid this pandemonium, and with the galleries in full control, Chairman Lodge decried upon heroic action in order again to make the convention master of its affairs. He ordered the roll call of states to begin for the vote on president. Such a call, under such circumstances of intense confusion, has probably never before occurred in the history of national conventions. The secretary was powerless to make his call of the states heard above the deafening clamor. Seizing a megaphone he shouted the roll of states—Alabama, Arkansas— but his voice was swallowed up in the mad uproar. Gradually, however, the curiosity of the multitude conquered

will be worse for you than if you had missed one sermon, and received of it. God loves your fault mixed with penitence, more than your virtue seasoned with pride."

One Way to Encourage Sleep.

Reading for half an hour before you finally slip away into slumberland is recommended by two eminent authorities in the world of physicians. The first is the great Prof. Osler, who advises the person who finds difficulty in going to sleep at night to read a

ridian; thus the local time at Boston is 16 minutes faster than Eastern standard time, while at Buffalo it is 16 minutes slower.—Harper's Weekly.

Holds Record for Producing Silver. Guanajuato holds the world's record as a silver producer, having yielded \$1,000,000,000 Mexican in the last three and a half centuries. The actual results from the mills in operation in Guanajuato at the moment show that they are producing silver at three times the average rate as shown by the old records.—Wall Street Journal.

their enthusiasm, and they lapsed into silence to hear the result of the roll call.

A hush of expectancy hung over the assembly as the call proceeded. Hasty summaries showed that Taft was far in advance. When New York was reached the Taft column totaled 127. Ohio carried the Taft total to 511, or 20 more than enough to nominate. Still the call went on until the final result was announced by Chairman Lodge.

For Theodore Roosevelt, 3 votes; for Joseph R. Foraker of Ohio, 16 votes; for Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana, 40 votes; for Joseph Cannon of Illinois, 61 votes; for Robert La Follette of Wisconsin, 25 votes; for Charles E. Hughes of New York, 63 votes; for Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania, 68 votes; and William H. Taft of Ohio, 702 votes.

Vote in Detail.

Following is the vote in detail:

State	Taft	Roosevelt	Foraker	Fairbanks	Cannon	La Follette	Hughes	Knox	Taft
Alabama	1								
Arkansas	1								
California	1								
Colorado	1								
Connecticut	1								
Delaware	1								
District of Columbia	1								
Florida	1								
Georgia	1								
Idaho	1								
Illinois	61								
Indiana	40								
Iowa	1								
Kansas	1								
Kentucky	1								
Louisiana	1								
Maine	1								
Maryland	1								
Massachusetts	1								
Michigan	1								
Minnesota	1								
Mississippi	1								
Missouri	1								
Montana	1								
Nebraska	1								
Nevada	1								
New Hampshire	1								
New Jersey	1								
New Mexico	1								
New York	63								
North Carolina	1								
North Dakota	1								
Ohio	702								
Oklahoma	1								
Oregon	1								
Pennsylvania	68								
Rhode Island	1								
South Carolina	1								
South Dakota	1								
Tennessee	1								
Texas	1								
Vermont	1								
Virginia	1								
Washington	1								
West Virginia	1								
Wisconsin	25								
Wyoming	1								
Total	127								

Vote is Made Unanimous.

A great shout went up as Lodge concluded his announcement, and with one accord the cohorts of Cannon and Hughes, joined in a common tribute to the candidate of the party.

Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, for Gov. Hughes, leaping upon a chair, moved to make the nomination of Taft unanimous; Senator Penrose for Knox, and Boutwell for Cannon, and Henry of Georgia for La Follette, and Wisconsin for La Follette, seconded the motion for a unanimous vote to the candidate.

The vote was given with a ringing cheer, and then with shouts of exultation over the new candidate, the convention adjourned until ten o'clock Friday morning, when the nomination of vice-president was taken up.

It was not until four hours had been spent over the platform that the convention was ready to proceed with the nominating speech for president. First came the nomination of Cannon, by Representative Boutwell of Illinois, seconded by Representative Fordney of Michigan, which awakened a well-coming yell for the "Grand Old Man" of Illinois.

Earlier in the day the battle over the platform had occupied the close attention of delegates and spectators. The platform as framed by the committee on resolutions was read by its chairman, Senator Hopkins of Illinois, while a minority report, reflecting the views of the supporters of Senator La Follette, was presented by Congressman Cooper of Wisconsin. It was on one hand the shoddy hammer blows of the Wisconsin men against combinations and monopoly, and on the other hand the warning of Hopkins against the socialistic doctrines of Wisconsin. The platform was adopted by an overwhelming vote, after many separate planks in the Wisconsin plan had been buried under adverse votes.

Sherman for Second Place.

The nomination for the vice-presidency was not made until Friday. When the convention adjourned for the day Thursday the situation regarding second place on the ticket was decidedly unsettled, but before the delegates met Friday an arrangement had been perfected for the Taft delegates to support Representative James S. Sherman of New York as the running mate of the secretary of war.

Three names were placed in nomination when the chairman announced that nominations were in order. Sherman was named as New York's choice by Tim Woodruff, former lieutenant governor of the state; Gov. Curtis Guild of Massachusetts was placed in nomination by Senator Lodge; and Ex-Gov. Franklin Murphy of New Jersey was named by Thomas H. McCarter. Several brief seconding speeches were made for each candidate.

When the roll call was begun it was found that Sherman was the popular choice of the delegates. When enough votes had been cast to insure his nomination Senator Crane of Massachusetts moved that it be made unanimous and it was carried with a shout of approval.

The usual motions of acknowledgment to the officers of the convention and to the city in which it was held were then passed.

Sometimes Succeeds.

One-half the world may not know how the other half lives, but the female half makes a strenuous effort to find out.—San Luis Obispo Tribune.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM AT A GLANCE

ROOSEVELT.—The abuse of wealth, the tyranny of power, and the evils of privilege and favoritism, must be put to rest by his simple, manly virtues of justice and fair play. We pledge a continuance of the Roosevelt policies.

ANTI-INUNCTION.—The Republican party will uphold the authority of the courts, but believes the rule of procedure in federal courts with respect to injunctions should be more accurately defined by statute, and that no injunction should be issued without notice.

LABOR.—The same wise policy . . . will be pursued in every legitimate direction within federal authority to lighten the burdens and increase the happiness and advancement of all who toil.

THE TARIFF.—The Republican party declares for a revision of tariff by a special session of congress immediately following the inauguration of the next president. We favor the establishment of maximum and minimum rates to be administered by the president.

MONEY.—An expanding commerce . . . and increasing crop movements disclose the need of a more elastic and adaptable system.

TRUSTS.—The federal government should have greater supervision and control over corporations engaged in interstate commerce having the power to create monopolies.

INLAND WATERWAYS.—We call for a large and comprehensive plan, just to all portions of the country, to improve the waterways, harbors, and great lakes.

ARMY AND NAVY.—While the American people do not desire and will not provoke a war with any other country, we nevertheless declare our devotion to a policy which will keep this republic ready at all times to defend her traditional doctrines.

GOOD ROADS.—We approve the efforts of the agricultural department to make clear to the public the best methods of good road construction.

NEGRO.—We demand equal justice for all men, without regard to race or color, and condemn all devices for the disfranchisement of the negro.

REPUBLICAN POLICY.—The difference between Democracy and Republicanism is that one stands for vacillation and timidity in government, the other for strength and purpose. Democracy would have the nation own the people, while Republicanism would have the people own the nation.

"Light" book—light both in reading matter and in size. Here are some of the "light" authors recommended by Dr. Osler: Marcus Aurelius, Epictetus, and Plutarch. This is the prose method of bringing sleep.

The second authority advocates the poetic method of attracting slumber. It is the British Medical Journal, which paper considers that poetry is quite sufficient to encourage narcolepsies in the common, average work-day night, male or female. Sir Henry Holland goes as far as to specify the par-

ticular kind of poetry which makes most sleep. Sir Henry says that the sonnet will make the most sleepless man sleepy. The sonnet he declares to be the "prototype of the soporific ideal."

Give or Take.

Him (at the concert)—Don't you think Miss Howells takes great pains with her singing?

He—"Give or take, I think, would be a more appropriate word than 'takes.'"

Chicago Daily News.

Cutting a Real Melon.

"You'd think from the little things they sell on the east side," said the woman who lives there, "that they make next to no profit, but it isn't so. The man who sells watermelons, for instance, will make the most money. I asked him how many slices he cut his melons into, and he said 150. 'He sells each slice for a cent. A dollar and a half for a melon for which he pays 40 cents or at most 50. That's not bad, is it?' And you'd be surprised to see the nice looking peo-

ple who buy these little red slices of melon and walk off eating them."

New York Press.

Laconic Englishmen.

Of all nations that speak on the face of the laconic globe, the English misuses their language most. Most of us are naturally inclined to be monosyllabic, close-mouthed, laconic in speech. Silent Englishmen, in consequence, are beginning to be unpopular among professors of English.—London Daily Mirror.

GROOM KILLS SELF

MAX GARVER EXPECTED MONEY FROM HIS SISTER.

HE MAY HAVE HAD ONE WIFE

Bride-Elect Says Garver Had Promised to Take Her to Germany.

Chicago, Ill.—Three days before what was to have been his wedding day, Max Garver committed suicide by shooting himself in the brain Friday afternoon while seated on a bench near the Field museum in Jackson park. He was to have been married next Monday to Miss Hedwig Thurm, 50 Bond court.

Two possible causes for Garver's suicide have been found by the police, the first being disappointment in not receiving money from a sister in St. Louis. The second is fear of possible exposure and prosecution if he married, as he is believed to have had a wife living. The body lay several hours at Rolston's undertaking rooms, 5437 Lake avenue, where it was taken before it was identified by Miss Thurm.

Garver entered Jackson park shortly before 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and for a few minutes was seen intently watching a number of children at play. Then, according to E. W. Woodbury, 6058 Woodlawn avenue, he drew a revolver from a pocket and fired one shot through his right temple. Witnesses hurried to the side of the suicide, who had fallen face downward on the walk, and found his dead.

Garver, according to Miss Thurm, owned a house and lot in Hinsdale, and had a half interest in property now in possession of his sister in St. Louis.

Miss Thurm said she became acquainted with Garver three years ago. Garver promised to take her back to Germany on a honeymoon trip after she had accepted his proposal of marriage. A week ago he went to St. Louis, he told her, to get \$500 from his sister to pay their wedding trip to Germany.

GO TO OYSTER BAY.

President and Family Will Start Sunday for Summer Home.

Washington, D. C.—All preparations have been made for the president's departure for Oyster Bay. He will go on a special train, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt and other members of his family, and will reach Oyster Bay about 5:30 o'clock. Secretary of War Woodrow Wilson and his family will accompany the president.

Secretary Root will leave on the same train with the president for his summer home at Clinton, N. Y., where he expects to spend the greater part of the summer. Mr. Root will attend the commencement exercises at Hamilton College. After a stay of about ten days at his home he will enter a physical training institution at White Plains, N. Y., for a short time. He will make one or more speeches during the political campaign.

Woman's Body in River.

New York.—With a rope tied tightly around the neck, the body of a beautiful woman, elegantly dressed, was found in the East river at the foot of Ninety-third street Saturday. The rope, which had been wound around the neck several times, was tied with two knots and plainly showed that death was due to strangulation. In a pocket the police found a note bearing the name of "Miss Flynn, Hotel Gotham."

King's Chauffeur Fined.

Brussels.—A chauffeur in the employ of King Leopold was Friday fined \$110 for having upset and injured a bicyclist last fall while driving his majesty's automobile. Baroness Von Vaughan was in the car at the time of the accident. King Leopold was cited to appear in the case, but he pleaded diplomatic immunity. The summons for him was subsequently withdrawn.

Peary Needs \$10,000.

New York.—Commander Robert E. Peary Friday night said that he had raised \$10,000 for the fund needed for his latest Polar expedition, on which he hopes to embark July 1. Commander Peary said his vessel would soon be ready to leave dry dock. He hopes to raise the remaining \$10,000 before July 1.

French Torpedo Boat Wrecked.

Algiers.—The French torpedo boat No. 191 has been wrecked on the coast during a storm. She was thrown upon the rocks near Sidi-femich. The destroyer Pique went to her assistance and the crew was rescued. The rescue was a heroic one and in effecting it one of the destroyer's sailors was drowned.

Eye Lost Playing Golf.

Chicago.—Dr. Harry D. Hayward of Crown Point, Ind., had his left eye taken out at the St. Luke's hospital in consequence of its having been struck by a golf ball driven on the Jackson Park golf links by Dr. W. H. Knapp of Chicago.

Japanese Exposition Rules Ready.

Tokyo.—General rules, regulations and classification for the Japanese exposition of 1912 were decided upon and will be promulgated within a few days.

"Bad Man" Comes to Grief.

Ambrose, N. D.—A bad man known as "Dutch" galloped through the streets here and "shot up" the town, wounding J. A. Lipphardt, an editor. An armed posse fired a volley at him and he fell dead, shot through the head.

Opium